

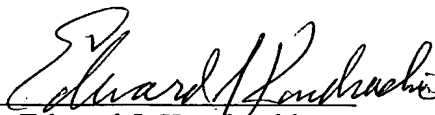
**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed to remove an unnecessary limitation from claim 1 and present the claims in better form for consideration. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, which action earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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